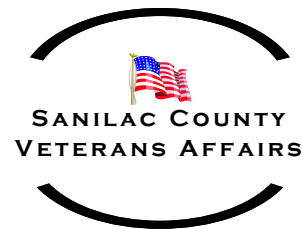


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Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP)

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) offers education and training for high-demand jobs to Veterans who are unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Keep reading to find out if you're eligible and how to apply.

Am I eligible for this program?

To be eligible for this program, you must meet all the requirements listed here.

All of these must be true:

- You're at least 22 years old, but not older than 66, and
- You're unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and
- You're not rated as totally disabled because you can't work, and
- You're not enrolled in a federal or state jobs program

Note: You can't receive VRRAP benefits at the same time as you're receiving unemployment benefits (including CARES Act benefits).

If I'm eligible for other education benefits or VR&E, can I get VRRAP benefits?

No. At the time you apply for VRRAP, you can't be eligible for any other benefits.

Note: You can get VRRAP benefits if you were at one time eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill but you've transferred all of your benefits to family members.

What types of education and training programs does VRRAP cover?

VRRAP covers education and training programs approved under the GI Bill and Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) that lead to high-demand jobs. These include associate degrees, non-college degrees, and certificate programs. The Department of Labor determines what's considered a high-demand job for VRRAP.

What benefits can I get through this program?

If you're eligible for VRRAP, you can get:

- Up to 12 months of tuition and fees, and
- A monthly housing allowance based on Post-9/11 GI Bill rates

How do I apply?

Please call our office at 810-648-0212 and we can assist you.

More information about VRRAP

How long will this program be available?

We'll stop accepting new VRRAP enrollments on December 11, 2022—or when we reach either the \$386 million funding limit or the 17,250 participant limit, whichever comes first. If you're already enrolled in a program under VRRAP, you'll continue to get your payments.

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Free CaptionCall Phone for Veterans with Hearing Loss



What is CaptionCall?

With the CaptionCall phone, you can hear and read what the other person is saying. The CaptionCall phone displays big, easy-to-read text that automatically scrolls during your

conversation. Plus, you can amplify the sound to better hear your caller's voice with superb quality. It dials, rings and works just like a regular phone.

How do I know if I need CaptionCall? If you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult for you to use the phone, and if captions would allow you to use the phone more effectively, then CaptionCall is for you. The CaptionCall phone and service is intended for people experiencing hearing loss, regardless of the cause. This might include illness, injury, loud working conditions, military service or simply getting older. You yourself may not realize you are experiencing hearing loss. If you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves, or if people complain you don't hear them on the phone or

keep the radio or TV too loud, you may have hearing loss. A professional hearing test can confirm the frequencies that are difficult for you to hear and recommend options that may help you manage a hearing loss.

How is CaptionCall different from a regular phone?

The CaptionCall phone dials numbers and receives calls just like a standard landline telephone. The difference is its large display screen, which provides near-instant captions so you can read what's being said.

My eyesight is poor. Will I be able to read the captions? To ensure maximum readability, the CaptionCall phones uses an easy-to-read font, available in different sizes and displayed on a large, high-resolution screen.

Can I use CaptionCall on a mobile device? Yes! CaptionCall has a mobile app for iPad. It allows you to make and receive phone calls with captions on your iPad.

If you are interested in obtaining one of these free phones please call our office and I can put in a referral to start the easy process.



VA suspends annual reassessments in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

The Department of Veterans Affairs is suspending annual reassessments for participants of the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers while the department continues its review.

This applies to all Veterans and family caregivers participating in the program; additionally, VA will not discharge or reduce stipends based on a reassessment.

Facility Caregiver Support Program staff will however continue to initiate reassessments for Veterans and family caregivers for certain purposes, such as when a Veteran or caregiver requests to be considered for an increase in stipend level or if there is evidence of an increased need for personal care services. VA will also continue to conduct wellness visits. Appeal and review options for those who disagree with a PCAFC determination remain the same.

Burial Flag

Why Does VA Provide a Burial Flag?

A United States flag is provided to drape the casket of a deceased Veteran. The flag is provided at no cost. It is intended to honor the memory of a Veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. VA furnishes a burial flag for the following Veterans who received other than dishonorable discharge:

- Veterans who served during wartime
- Veterans who died on active duty after May 27, 1941
- Veterans who served after Jan. 31, 1955
- Peacetime Veterans who were discharged or released before June 27, 1950
- Certain people who served in the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines while in service of the U.S. Armed Forces
 - Must have died on or after April 25, 1951
- Certain former members of the Selected Reserves

Who Is Eligible to Receive the Burial Flag?

After the funeral service, the flag is given to the next-of-kin as a keepsake. When there is no next-of-kin, VA will give the flag to a friend who requests it. For VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, you can donate the flag to be flown on patriotic holidays.

How Can You Apply?

Most local funeral homes will provide the burial flag to the next-of-kin or you can obtain one at the post offices.

Can a Burial Flag Be Replaced?

According to law, VA can issue only one flag for a Veteran's funeral. It cannot be replaced if lost, destroyed or stolen. However, some organizations or community groups may be able to help you get another flag.



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